## **Greenways** Activation

### Bike Sundays

On 14 Sundays, the City of Seattle dedicates a four-mile path on Lake Washington Blvd. from just south of Mt Baker Beach to Seward Park, for pedestrians and bicyclists. Free from motorized traffic, Bike Sundays provides people of all ages and abilities, unrestricted and safe access along this picturesque boulevard.

**August 14, 28; September 4, 11, 18, 25** 



At Seattle Summer Parkways 2016, you'll

be car-free and care-free adventuring through the Ballard, West Seattle and Rainier Valley neighborhoods via a several mile route, while visiting parks full of live music and activities along the way. August 13 (Rainier); August 27 (Ballard); September 25 (West Seattle)

## **Neighborhood Walking Tours**

In partnership with Feet First, Parks and Recreation helps organize community walkthroughs of neighborhood parks and greenways. These walking tours are a great way to meet people and make sure community input is heard.

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#### **Greenways Projects**

## 2016 Schedule (planned)

Rainier Beach Playfield John C. Little Sr. Park Interlaken Boulevard

## 2017 Schedule (planned)

Walt Hundley Playfield Genesee Park

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## What's the Greenways Initiative?

Starting in 2016, and funded by the Seattle Park District, Parks and Recreation will provide programs and projects to improve connection points between neighborhood greenways and parks. Working with SDOT, these green corridors on residential streets will create safe, comfortable, and attractive places for people of all ages and abilities to comfortably navigate through their neighborhoods. The City of Seattle plans to build 60 miles of connected Neighborhood Greenways by 2025.

## What are Greenways?

Greenways are designated safe streets that will be primarily used for bicycle and pedestrian travel and recreation. Generally located off main arterials, greenways enjoy low traffic and reduced speed limits for greater safety and comfort.

Visit <u>seattle.gov/transportation/greenways.htm</u> to learn more and find your closest neighborhood greenway.

#### Why Support the Initiative?

The Greenways Initiative improves access to greenways and parks by creating welcoming destinations for pedestrians and bicyclists. Creating greenways can:

#### **Increase Safety**

Features such as low speed limits and marked pavements make greenways safe for all pedestrians and bicyclists.

#### **Reduce Congestion On Main Streets**

Greenways provide safer alternatives for pedestrians and bicyclists, reducing some congestion on heavily used routes.

#### **Divert Cars From Residential Streets**

Road bumps, stop signs, and other traffic inhibitors limit traffic and speeding to the benefit of local pedestrians and bicyclists.

### **Direct People To Neighborhood Hot Spots**

Clearly-marked pavements and signs guide people to local parks, schools, and businesses, making them efficient routes for work and play.

#### Why Support the Initiative?

### **Encourage Green Communities**

As more people opt to walk or bike, neighborhoods experience less noise and environmental pollution, reducing Seattle's carbon footprint.

#### **Incentivize Healthy Lifestyles**

Exercise and outdoor recreational activities are linked to positive health outcomes. Greenways offer the community safe and open places to pursue and travel to and from their favorite pastimes.

#### Improve Neighborhood Livability

People living near greenways use communal areas to plant trees, host family friendly events and meet neighbors.
Greenways are inclusive spots, ideal for recreation and community gatherings.

## **Create Stronger Communities**

As neighborhoods become safer from reduced automobile traffic, people enjoy more time outdoors, connect with neighbors, and build vibrant, healthy, and tight-knit communities around their local greenways and parks.

